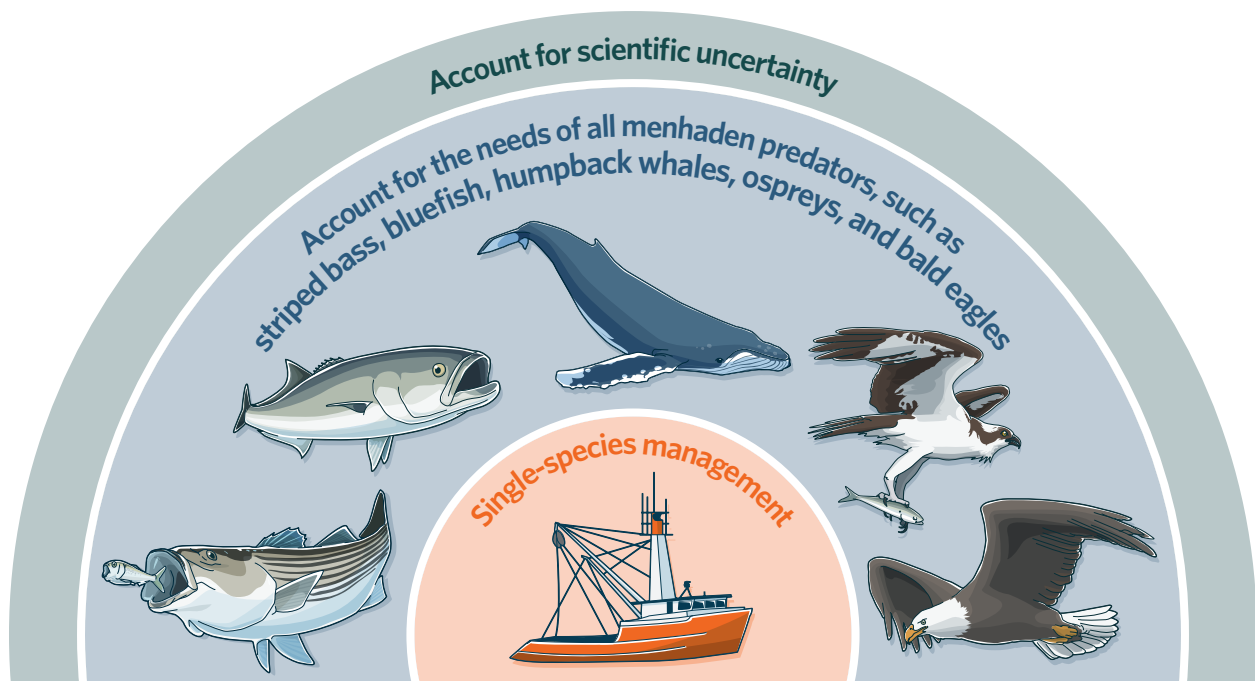




Managing Menhaden for the Good of All

Atlantic menhaden are a vital food source for many marine species. Fishery managers can protect ocean ecosystems by ensuring that enough menhaden are left in the water to meet the needs of those other species.



Single-species management only accounts for the needs of fishing. Most of the menhaden catch is ground up into agricultural, nutritional, and industrial products.

Higher population targets would account for the needs of ocean wildlife, leaving enough menhaden for these animals to eat.

The population targets must also include a margin of error to account for the scientific uncertainty inherent in fishery management.

Source: Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission January 2015 Benchmark Stock Assessment

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